

F-2-48
Willowdale School
Jefferson, Maryland vicinity
Private

Ca. 1855

The Willowdale School is a one-story frame schoolhouse built about 1855. It has the traces of the original double entrances and sign on its west gable elevation and retains its original german siding. Built as the primary school for School District No. 2, Jefferson Election District, the school exemplifies the architectural development of schoolhouses in the third quarter of the 19th century and the growing number of rural schools in the Jefferson-Middletown area during the same period.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Education/school/schoolhouse

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Willowdale School

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 5604 Poole Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Jefferson ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Marion U. Rueth

street & number 8231 Yardley Avenue North telephone no.:

city, town St. Petersburg state and zip code Fl. 33710

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 754

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 39

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Willowdale School is a one-story frame schoolhouse built about 1855 on the north side of Poole Road just east of Old Middletown Road near Jefferson, Frederick County, Maryland. The schoolhouse was converted to a residence about 1931. The original double entrances were located in the west gable end; these have been closed off and the current entrance is in the south elevation in the southwest bay. The exterior is german siding and the roof is corrugated metal.

The schoolhouse has a rectangular plan with the two original entrances on the west elevation facing the intersection of Poole Road and Old Middletown Road. The entrances are covered over with german siding to match the rest of the exterior. A square panel in the west gable end indicates the location of the school sign; this is also covered with german siding. The current entrance is in the south elevation which has three original window bays. The doorway, located in the southwest bay, has an applied broken pediment surround and a modern 6-panel door. The sash is 6/6 with plain architraves. On the east elevation at the southeast corner is an original rear door opening with a 4-panel door. The roof is corrugated metal, probably concealing a shingle roof. Two interior chimneys rise from the north and south slopes.

Several non-contributing sheds or chicken houses are located north and east of the building.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1855

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Willowdale School is significant under the architecture and education themes in the third quarter of the 19th century. Its largely unaltered form and materials clearly define it as a mid-19th century schoolhouse. Built about 1855, the school also exemplifies the increasing number of rural schools in the mid-19th century, a trend which continued until about 1900, when consolidated schools began to appear in centralized locations.

The Willowdale School, the Rockville School (F-2-47), the Mountville Colored School (F-2-44), and the Lander School, 2539 Lander Road, are the identified rural schools in the Jefferson Election District. Of the four, the Willowdale and Rockville Schools are the best architectural examples of the rural schoolhouse type, the Rockville building being a brick structure erected about 1867. The Mountville Colored School of about 1888 has been greatly altered on its exterior, but it is one of two identified remaining colored schools of the post-Civil War period. The Lander School is a circa 1898 frame building which has been much altered. Only the Mountville School remains in institutional use, as a community center, while the other three schoolhouses have been converted to residences. Among the known schoolhouses in Frederick County, the Willowdale School is fairly typical in its level of alteration and remaining original materials and details.

The Willowdale School was built on land purchased from Jacob Feaster as a primary school serving School District No. 2. It appears on the Isaac Bond 1858 Map of Frederick County and the C. O. Titus 1873 Atlas of Frederick County.

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10. Geographical Data

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

B

Diagram B shows three empty coordinate axes. The first axis is labeled 'Zone' and has two tick marks. The second axis is labeled 'Easting' and has four tick marks. The third axis is labeled 'Northing' and has four tick marks.

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Concurrent with Tax Map 75, Parcel 81

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

state Md. 21701

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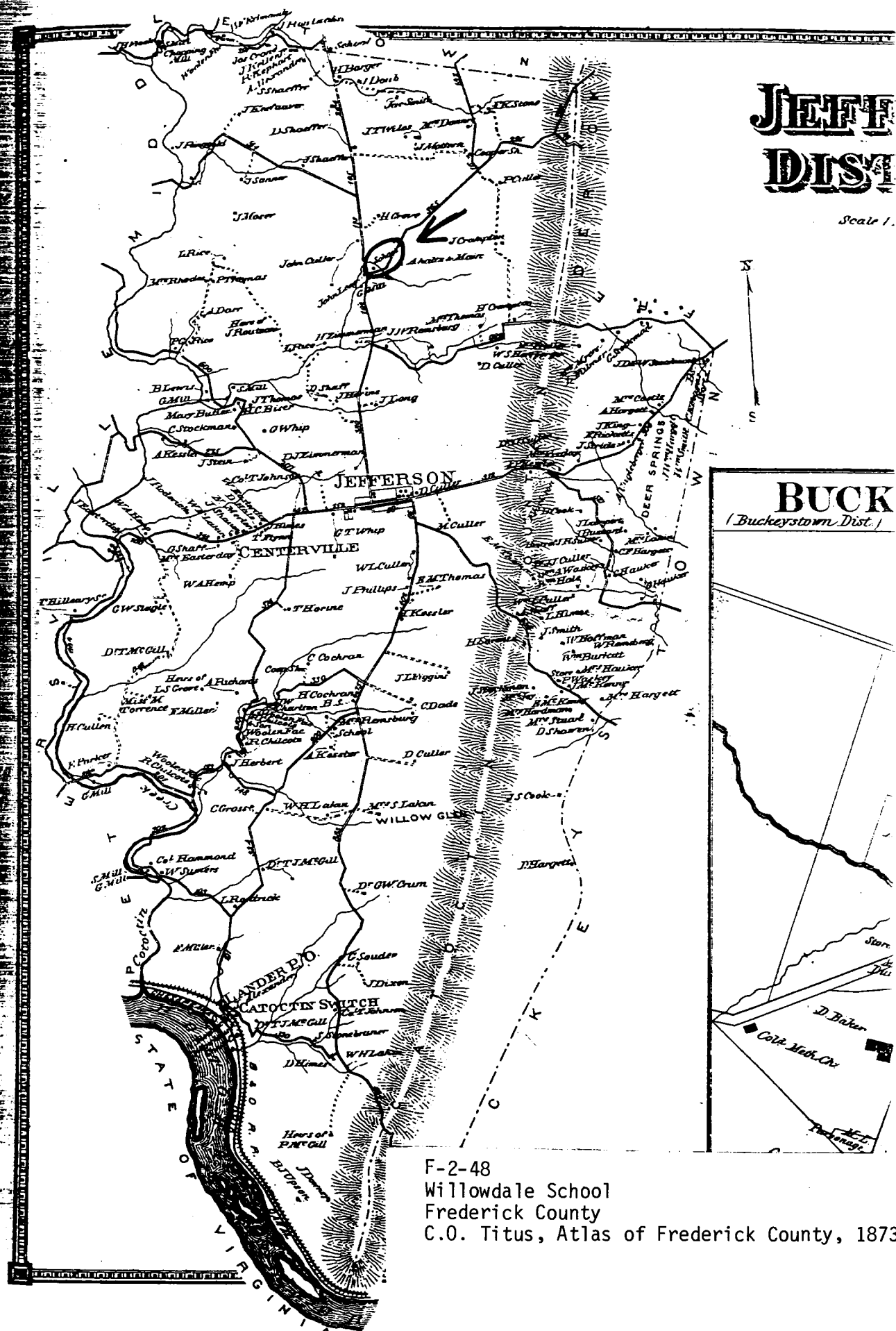
LIBER/FOL. }	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
754/39 30 Aug 66	Marion M. Reuth	Albert E. & Susan A. Tacey, Jr.	3/4 A. "Millowdale P.S. Sub Property"		
494/294 2 Jul 51	Albert E. & Susan A Tacey, Jr.	George Thomas ^{James} S. James, wife			
457/148 24 Sept. 46	George S. James & Emma S. James	John S. & Geneva V. Minnick			
426/430 15 Nov 39 (Jefferson 1774-1974, p. 52)	Charles A. & Arthur John S. Minnick	Charles A. & Arthur R. Poffenberger : Seldin 1931 to Poffenberger)			
E55/694 8 Mar 1855	(no further ref) John Cullen	Jacob Leoster	33A. (mentions one line running along and near north side of the school house of Primary School District No. 2		

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Scale 1.

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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.



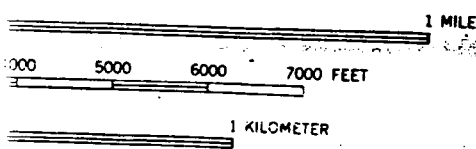
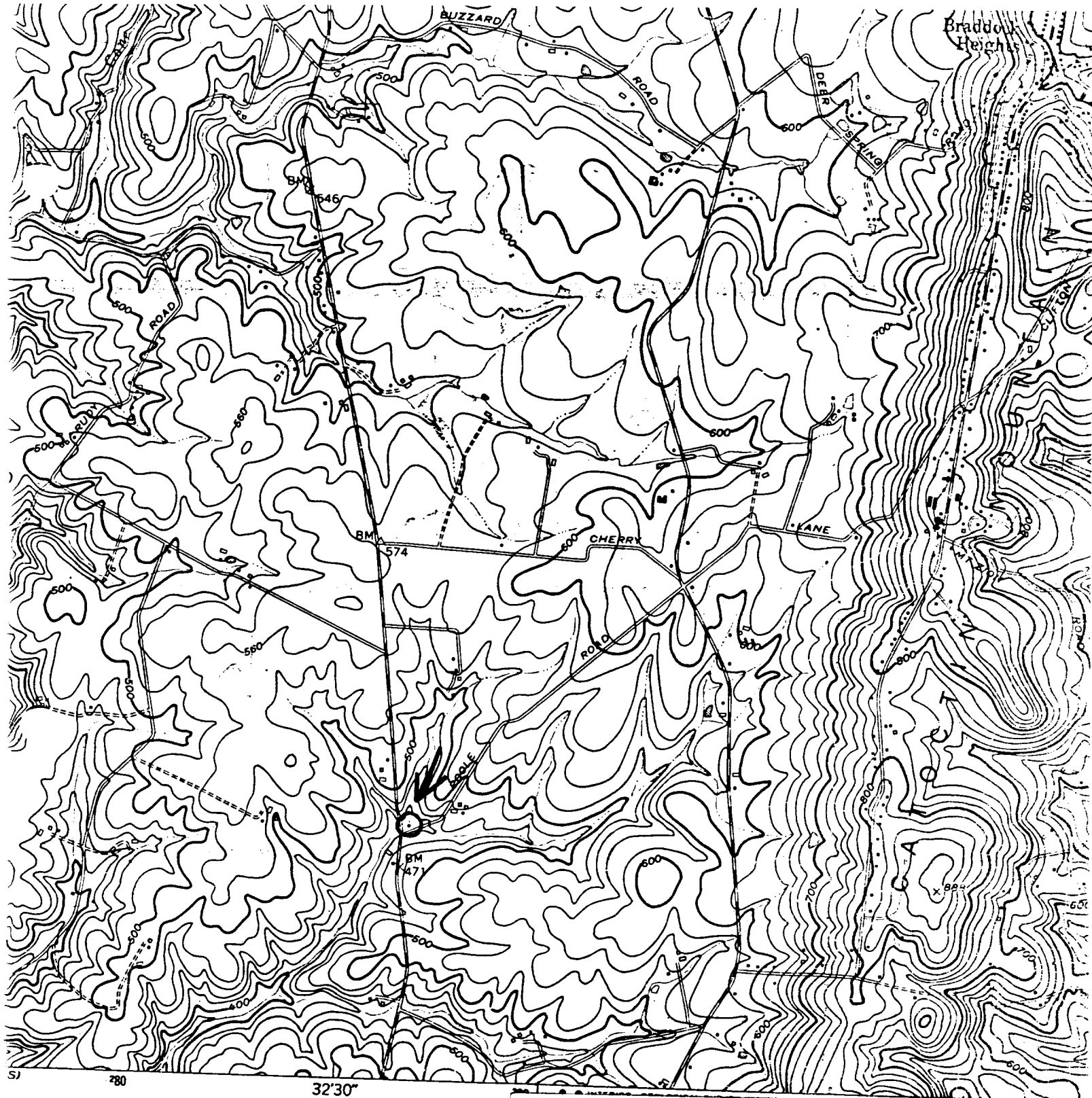
SOIL, &c.

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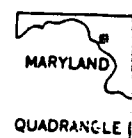
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FOR CHILDREN'S FIRST LESSONS ABOUT HOME.—Spread the map upon a table or clear floor, with the right hand side toward the sunrise, and the left hand side toward the sunset, to make it correspond with the country. The bottom and top may be rolled up to within 6 inches or a foot of home, to admit of getting near that part Then the learners should look over the map in a line with home and every place they notice, and thus learn

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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County,
1858.



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